

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner Layno is thanked for his thorough examination of the subject Patent Application.

Claims 6, 8, 9, 11, 13 - 16 remain in this application. Claim 10 has been cancelled, and its subject matter added to independent Claim 6.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 6, 8, 9 and 15 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marcley et al., is requested, based on the following.

The rejection is now considered moot, since the subject matter of allowed claim 10 has now been incorporated into independent Claim 6.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 13, 14 and 16 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marcley et al. as applied to claim 6 above, and further in view of (Zeng and Scrabble), is requested, based on the following.

The rejection is now considered moot, since the subject matter of allowed claim 10 has now been incorporated into independent Claim 6, from which claims 13, 14 and 16 depend.

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Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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